

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/600,382

Examiner

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2165

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/18/2012.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10, 13, 14, 22 and 28.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20120516.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 10, 13-14, 22, and 28 Pending.
Claims 1-9, 11-12, 15-21, and 23-27 Canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gero McClellan on 5/21/2012.

The Claims file 2/13/2009 and included in the Appeal Brief filed 6/15/2009 have been amended as follows:

- a) Please Replace the Text of Claim 10 with:

"A computer implemented method of managing annotations for a plurality of different type data objects, comprising:

receiving a set of parameters identifying an annotated data object,
wherein the identifying parameters identify locations of the annotated data object;
selecting, based on the set of identifying parameters, a mapping from a plurality of mappings stored in one or more mapping tables, each mapping containing a different set of mapping functions, and wherein each set of mapping functions is

assigned for a specific type of data object selected from the plurality of different type data objects; and

creating an index for the annotated data object by mapping the identifying parameters to columns in an index table, as specified by the mapping functions of the selected mapping, wherein the mapping functions for each mapping are designed to map a different set of identifying parameters to columns in the index table, wherein the mapping functions of at least one of the mappings maps more than one identifying parameter to a single column.”

b) Please Replace the Text of Claim 28 with:

“A computer implemented method of managing annotations for a plurality of different type data objects, comprising:

receiving a set of parameters identifying an annotated data object,
wherein the identifying parameters identify locations of the annotated data object;

selecting, based on the set of identifying parameters, a mapping from a plurality of mappings stored in one or more mapping tables, each mapping containing a different set of mapping functions, wherein each set of mapping functions is assigned for a specific type of data object selected from the plurality of different type data objects, wherein at least one of the mappings comprises mapping functions for mapping parameters identifying annotated data objects associated with a database to the index table columns, and at least one of the mappings comprises mapping functions for mapping parameters identifying annotated data objects associated with a text document to the index table columns; and

creating an index for the annotated data object by mapping the identifying parameters to columns in an index table, as specified by the mapping functions of the selected mapping, wherein the mapping functions for each mapping are designed to map a different set of identifying parameters to columns in the index table, wherein the mapping functions of at least one of the mappings maps more than one identifying parameter to a single column.”

Response to Board Decision

3. Examiner notes the decision by the BPAI dated 04/18/2012 which reversed the rejections of the pending Claims for the reason of not disclosing the limitation of "creating an index for the annotated data object by mapping the identified parameters to columns in an index table, as specified by the mapping functions of the selected mapping." A new search will be conducted in light of the Board decision.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 10, 13-14, 22, and 28 allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Examiner notes that, in light of the decision by the BPAI dated 04/18/2012, the prior art of record was found to neither teach or suggest at least the limitation of "creating an index for the annotated data object by mapping the identified parameters to columns in an index table, as specified by the mapping functions of the selected mapping". As an updated search has not brought further pertinent references to light and in view of the amendments made to the Claims herein, the Claims are found to be allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Points of Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Hicks whose telephone number is (571) 272-2670. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00a - 5:30p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Neveen Abel-Jalil can be reached at (571)272-4074. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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